

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 11, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 with the following paragraph:

a' Also shown in **FIG. 2** is sealing layer **214** with a lifting tab **216** associated with one of the compartments of the container. A similar seal layer **224 (FIG. 4a)** and lifting tab are associated with the other compartment of the container. The seal layers **214, 224** are semi-opaque thin films made of a polymeric material, including but not limited to polyester, or are the films may be made of a metallic foil or metallic foil/paper laminate, or other sheet material, and are adhesively affixed to the edges **404, 406 (FIGS. 4a and 4b)** and of the four panels of the body **115** to close and seal the openings **202, 204** over the cigarette contents **C (FIG. 3)** and provide a substantially impermeable barrier over the openings to maintain the freshness and aroma of the cigarette contents **C**.